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Dear Dean:

I feel that our analytical and estimative processes would be more productive if a CIA analyst accompanied major missions such as those made by the President or by you. This would permit a direct input of a great deal of information into the intelligence estimates, both on the background and general atmosphere of meetings and negotiations.

It is for that reason that I suggested to Averell Harriman that a CIA analyst accompany him and proposed [redacted] Averell did not seem to think this wise.

I advance the same suggestion to you and would like to select one of our senior analysts who will be acceptable to you. I realize of course that the man would travel in a staff capacity. He would not report independently of yours and the Ambassador's reports, but he would come back with a feeling of the situation which, I believe, is quite important to our Office of Current Intelligence and to our Board of National Estimates. He would be helpful in a great many ways including a daily briefing based on all intelligence sources.

I hope you agree.

Sincerely yours,

John A. McCone

Dictated but not read

Director

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